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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

These "Hints and Helps" for Junior Christian Endeavor Societies and Bands have been gathered from articles contributed at various times by Band leaders and officers of the Junior Societies to our magazines—the "Home Mission Monthly" and "Over Sea and Land." Also from letters received from those interested and experienced in the organization of the Junior Societies, which were kindly written in response to a request for suggestions from the Committee on Publications. For further information and suggestions in the conduct of missionary meetings, for *Parliamentary Rules*, Treasury Catechism, Scholarships and Shares, see "Hints and Helps" for local Home Missionary Societies in the Presbyterian Churches, and "How Shall we Interest the Children," published by the Woman's Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions.

We find four rules for doing the King's business in His word. We are to do it—first, "Heartily;" second, "Diligently;" third, "Faithfully;" fourth, "Speedily." Let us ask him to give us the grace of energy to apply them this day to whatever He indicates as our part of His business, remembering that He said "I must be about my Father's business."—MISS HAVERGAL.

HINTS AND HELPS.

HOW TO ORGANIZE.

An organ is an instrument of action or motion. To organize is to furnish with organs—to arrange in parts—each having a special function. Organization is living persons in action, working according to plans carefully laid, and faithfully executed.

God's special blessing waits upon wise and careful planning, aided by fervent prayers, in a *common cause.*

Our common cause in this instance, and in which we want our young people to enlist, is the winning of our own beautiful land for Christ!

How shall this be done?

Consult your pastor and then call the young people of your church together.

Put before them a plan to form themselves into a society of their own, either a Junior C. E., or a Mission Band.

Enroll the names of those present who approve the plan and desire membership.

Prepare a constitution which will present in a simple way the plan of work and the object of the society or band.

At the preliminary meeting appoint from the young people, with an older leader, a nominating committee to report at an early meeting.

In forming "Baby Bands" there should be a systematic plan of organization and form of constitution, as nearly uniform with the older band or parent society as is possible to carry out with very young children.

CONSTITUTIONS.

ARTICLE I. This Society or Band shall be called ———.

ART. II. Its object shall be to train its members to work for Christ, its special object to raise money for the work of Home Missions in the United States of America.

ART. III. Those desiring may become members by paying —— a month, or —— a year.

ART. IV. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, acting under the advice and direction of the senior society.

ART. V. The Treasurer shall pay over all moneys received to the Treasurer of the Senior Society, or to the Presbyterial Treasurer direct.

ART. VI. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and send a report annually to ——.

ART. VII. The annual meeting, when the reports shall be read and the officers elected, shall be held early in March.

(OR) CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE. I. This society shall be called —— and shall be auxiliary to the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

ART. II. The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. An executive committee of three shall be appointed.

ART. III. The object of the society shall be the collection of money for the parent society, and the enlisting of interest and sympathy of the children in missionary work in the Home field.

ART. IV. The meetings shall be held as often as the Executive Committee deem wise.

ART. V. Any boy or girl may become a member of this society by the payment of ten cents.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NAMES.

The Sentinels	The Soldiers of the Cross.
The Messengers	I'll Try Band.
The Heralds	Workers for Jesus.
The Pilgrims	Loving Heart Mission Circle.
The Gleaners	Jesus Helpers' Band
Hope Band	Missionary Chips.
Golden Links	Bethlehem Star Band
Opportunity Band	Boys' Fireside Band.
Little Door Keepers	The "Whatsoever Band."

Heart and Hand Society.

PARLIAMENTARY RULES.

1. The President shall take the chair.

Begin on time and always open the meeting with reading of Scripture and prayer.

2. After prayer the Secretary should read the minutes of the last meeting. If there are any mistakes in them or omissions, they should be corrected at once. Then the President should say: "If there be no further correction the minutes will stand approved as read."

3. If any committee is ready to report, it should be heard next, and the President should say: "We are now ready to hear the reports of committees."

4. When the report is read the President should say: "All in favor of accepting this report will say 'Aye;' opposed, 'No.'" If the Society votes to accept it, as they almost always do, then the committee's work is done; but if they do not accept it, then the committee must consider the matter further and report at another meeting.

5. When the report is accepted, if it recommends anything to be done, the President should say: "Will you adopt the recommendations of this report." If it is moved and seconded to adopt them, then remarks may be made, and after the remarks or

discussion, the President should put the question in this way: "All in favor of adopting these recommendations will say 'Aye;' all opposed, 'No.'" If the majority vote to adopt, the President should say that the report is adopted, but if the majority vote not to adopt, then she should say it is lost.

6. When a committee fails to agree, and two reports are brought in, the report of the majority is the report of the committee, and should be treated as such. A minority report cannot be acted on at all unless a motion is made and seconded to substitute the minority report for the majority report. If this motion is lost, then the minority report is dead. If carried, then it takes the place of the majority report, and must be acted on.

7. No motion should ever be put unless it is seconded. If it is not seconded, it is just the same as if it had never been made, and must not be considered.

8. No motion should be put when a member is speaking, or when a vote is being taken.

9. Any one can move to amend a motion, but some one must second it before it can be considered.

10. When an amendment has been made, it must be discussed and voted on before the original motion. After it has been discussed and voted on, then the President should say: "Will you now pass the original motion?" If the amendment passed, she should add the words, "as amended," but if it did not pass, then she should simply say: "Will you now pass the original motion?" This can be discussed before a vote is taken.

11. A motion to adjourn, if seconded, can be put at any time, except, as stated in Rule 7, when a member is speaking, or when a vote is being taken.

12. If a motion to adjourn is lost, it cannot be put again until after some other business has been transacted.

13. A motion to adjourn does not admit of debate, and debate must not be allowed on such a motion.

14. If any question has been set down for a particular time, it should be called up at that time, and all other business postponed.

15. If it is not called up, any member may say: "I call for the order of the day," when it must be called up. This "call" or motion is not to be debated, but the subject called up can be debated.

16. If the members grow tired of any discussion, any one can say: "I move to lay the question on the table," and if seconded, it stops all further discussion, and compels a vote to be taken at once. This motion must not be debated, but put immediately. If carried, it postpones the question.

17. A motion to reconsider any action must always be made by one who voted with the majority. For example: If ten members voted to have an entertainment and thirty voted not to have it, no one could move to reconsider but one of the thirty. If one of the ten made the motion, no notice could be taken of it.

18. When a committee is to be appointed the President usually appoints three or five members to act as such committee.

19. The first one named on a committee is usually considered the chairman of the committee.

20. Members, when speaking, should always address the President, and not their fellow members.

21. It is the duty of the President to check all improper language, and keep the Society in order.

22. In the election of officers, the President usually appoints a committee of five or seven to nominate the officers.

23. When this committee makes its report, the chairman should say: "Shall the report of this committee be accepted, and the persons named be declared the officers of this Society?" or else, "Shall the report of this committee be accepted, and their recommendations adopted?" If the Society votes "Aye," they are elected. No ballot is necessary.

24. A ballot for officers is only used when the constitution or by-laws require it.

25. When the rules require a ballot, and but one set of officers is named, it is customary to direct the Secretary to cast the vote of the Society for the persons named.

26. If two sets of officers are named, then two tellers should be named by the chairman to distribute slips of paper, and collect them, after the members have written on them their choice of officers.

27. The tellers should count the vote and announce it to the chairman, who should declare the persons having the largest number of votes to be elected as officers.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MEETINGS.

Prepare the program with great care, planning for many to take part. Have a Responsive Bible Reading, which will give each one a voice, or assign a subject—such as *prayer*, *giving*, *helpfulness to others*, *thanksgiving*—before the meeting, so that each may repeat a text on the subject; or, have them repeated in response to the Roll-call. To encourage Bible study, ask the children to bring references to "Bible children," "Bible houses," "Bible vehicles," "a Bible garden," "Bible animals," etc." For a change, appoint five children to look up texts in which occur proper names, the initials of which will spell "Jesus." Have the verses written on blackboard; this may be varied in many ways, as, for instance, an acrostic of texts on the name of the Society, or on its motto. An *alphabet* of texts to be memorized, and repeated in concert, has been found useful. Vary the form of prayer also; have silent prayer, Bible prayers, sentence prayers, etc. *Train* the children to sing well, and have as many hymns as possible.

Begin with prayer—a short earnest prayer for a special and direct blessing on this special meeting.

The following may be a guide:

"We come to Thee Our Father, and ask Thee to make us Thy true children. We would take Thee as our Savior, and our Master. Wilt Thou show us how we can do something for Thee?

"Wilt Thou help us to forget ourselves and to have our hearts full of sympathy for all who need us? Wilt Thou especially bless those who in the distant parts of our own land are telling the people of Christ and His love? May many of the children there give their hearts to Thee. Bless our meeting to-day, and guide us always for Christ's sake. Amen."

PROGRAM.

TOPIC—MOUNTAIN PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH.

HYMN.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. BIBLE ANSWERS.

A question about a child. - - - -	Luke, 1:66
Children known by their actions. - -	Prov., 20:11
Therefore they should be trained. - -	Prov., 22:6
What should they be taught? - - -	Psalms, 34:11
To whom should we go for true wisdom? -	Luke, 18:16
What will He teach us to be? - - -	I. Thes., 5:5
Then what will we be like? - - - -	Psalms, 144:12

PRAYER CIRCLE.

HYMN.

Map Exercise.

Black-Board Exercise.

Telephone Messages.

HYMN.

"'Cracker' Crumbs."

Reading.—"First and Last," or "How There Came to be Eight."

Collection.—"Crumbs for 'Crackers.'"—John, 6:9

PRAYER.

HYMN.

EXPLANATION OF PROGRAM.

Send to Leaflet Department, Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, for

1 copy of "How There Came to be Eight."..... 1 ct.
1 copy of Map Showing Mission Stations..... 5 cts.
2 copies, Home Mission Exercise on "Mountain Whites." 2 cts.

For *Telephone Messages* clip answers, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, and 45, and distribute to be read when called upon.

For Map Exercise, locate

Alleghany Mountains.
District of Mountain People.
Presbyterian Mission Schools.

Describe Boys' Farm School, Asheville. See answers 29, 30, 31, Home Mission Exercise.

Use large Map in meeting, if possible.

"'Cracker' Crumbs."—Cut from light cardboard cabins like pattern, and distribute some time before the day of the meeting, requesting that each be returned with one fact or quotation written on it.

HINTS FOR SUBJECTS:

"Medical Missions in Alaska."* (Alaska).
"An Alaskan Fishing Party." "
"To the Northland, with Dr. Sheldon Jackson." (Alaska.)
"Spending the Day at Good Will." (Indians.)
"*Before* Tucson, and *After*." "
"Paris, Idaho." (Mormons.)
"A Trip to Santa Fé." (Mexicans.)
"From Sunday Morning till Saturday Night." (Mountain People.)
"From the Watch Tower." (All fields.)
"Headquarters." (Y. P.'s Dept., Lit. Dept. *and* the Treasury.)
"An Interrogation Meeting."
"A Story-Telling Meeting."
"A Biographical Meeting."
"A Letter Meeting." (Correspondence with Missionaries or with other Bands).
"A Review Meeting."
"Holiday," "Easter," "First Autumn," Meetings.
"A Thanksgiving Service."
"An Annual Meeting."

EXPLANATORY.

1. *How an Alaskan Fishing Party was Conducted.*—Chiefly a biography of Miss Willard, but the country and people were made *real* in every possible way, by means of maps, pictures, curios, anecdotes, but most of all, by the fishing party. Interesting items were pasted on *cardboard* whales and salmon. These were fished for (with whalebone fishing rods), and "when caught were made note of," later, they were taken home as souvenirs. At close of meeting a motion to assume a scholarship in Alaska was carried unanimously. Then came the "Social Half Hour," when the Refreshment Committee invited the members to go a-fishing with genuine fishing rods. Many went—like Simple Simon—"for to catch a whale," also salmon, sea-serpents, turtles, and even the first reindeer that attempted to cross Behring Sea. The catch being all in, the legends attached were read; the legends,

*Or, "Pills, Pillets, and Bandages."

although founded strictly on fact, were designed to be instructive. Finally, the piscine jumbles and gingersnaps were enjoyed, in conjunction with a cup of chocolate. An appropriate collection plate for this meeting is a large cardboard whale, having a slit near the middle, behind which is fastened a strong paper bag, to receive the money.

2. "*Medical Missions in Alaska*," or "Bandages, Pills, and Pellets."—The subject furnishes an opportunity for descriptions of witchcraft and the native doctors, as well as accounts of the Sitka Hospital, and its great work. Write the longer articles on strips of paper and roll up to resemble bandages. Two girls dressed in nurse's costumes should distribute these, and the "pills and pellets." The former are native prescriptions, folded to go in a tiny pill box. They should be read in quick succession, then let the collection be taken up, either in the largest obtainable pill box, or in a large bottle. If possible, have a "native doctor" do this; if not, one of the "nurses." Then let the "pellets" be read; these are important facts, briefly stated, pasted or written on cards to which are tied infinitesimal glass bottles. The monogram of the Society and the ribbons make pretty souvenirs of the pills and pellets. Have curios from headquarters to illustrate native medical practices, pictures of Sitka, the hospital, etc. The Bible reading should be verses on the healing of the sick.

3. *An Interrogation Meeting.* — For this meeting the whole program, including the Refreshments, takes the form of question and answer. Plan carefully, so as to have a very brisk and lively meeting. You will need a map, since some of the "answers" can be found only on the map pictures, for the same reason; and very carefully prepared papers and talks, for each of these must contain questions to be answered, as well as answers to questions asked elsewhere. Have a large "question mark"—the larger the better—cut from stiff paper or cardboard. The most important question before the meeting should be printed on this in large letters, and it should be placed so as to be the most conspicuous thing in the room. Enigmatical postal notices with question marks freely scattered thereupon, should be sent to

members some days before the meeting. See, also, "*Helps to Memory.*" The remaining subjects explain themselves, unless it should be made clear that "*Before* Tucson, and *After*" means savage, and Christian Indian life contrasted; "From the Watch Tower" calls for brief, terse reports from the various fields, and "From Sunday Morning," etc., represents a week spent at the Home Industrial School, at Asheville.

Hints to Committees.

1. *The Map Committee.*—(Each member of the Map Committee should have an envelope book for "clippings." Beginning early, she should have no difficulty in accumulating material.)

Alaska.—Draw an outline map of Alaska, with dotted lines for rivers, leaving a broad margin. As you prepare for your map talk, collect objects which will help to make it graphic and *memorable.* You will need sprigs of evergreen, a little gold tinsel or silk, black and red paper, small pictures of salmon, seal, walrus; also a reindeer, a United States flag, with "1867" across it; an open Bible with "1877" under it; small stars in gilt and bright colored papers, to indicate our own Mission Stations, and those of other denominations; picture of the "Bear," and of the wrecking-station at Pt. Barrow; totem poles, native canoes, portraits of our missionaries, etc. Have these illustrations, with a box of pins, conveniently at hand, and while you are talking fasten them to the map rapidly, as you need them. As you describe the rivers, draw them in with blue crayon; indicating also the volcanoes (red paper), gold mines (tinsel), coal mines (black paper), the region of the great pine forests, seal islands, salmon fisheries, reindeer stations, etc. Raise the flag at Sitka, place the Bible at Ft. Wrangel, talking spiritedly all the while!

The Indians.—Procure an old map of the United States, one of 1850, or earlier. Collect pictures bearing on Indian life and customs, and cut from paper a large number of tepees. Tell from the old map the Indian's story, emphasizing the extent of their territories at that time, by covering with clusters of tepees, and illustrating as you go, by means of the pictures. Be sure to have a "prairie schooner" and an Indian encounter on one of the

Indian trails. Then let another member show from the up-to-date map, hung as a contrast to the other, the present Indian localities, accentuating as before with tepees for the uncivilized tribes, and some symbol of civilization for those which have been Christianized.

The same idea may be carried out in connection with the other fields of the Woman's Executive Committee The main point being to have the talk lively and bright, so that it may be *remembered.* For a biographical meeting, have stars of gilt paper to mark the places where the devoted men and women of whom you tell have labored. The stars may be obtained already gummed, and with a piece of dampened sponge at hand may be easily applied to the map at the meeting, unless it should be more desirable to do it beforehand. Instead of the stars small flags may be used, or some symbol which shall help to keep important events in mind.

2. *For the Illustration Committee.*—Collect pictures, or send for Portfolio published by the Woman's Executive Committee, of the different Mission fields. Have "An Alaskan Portfolio," "Scenes Among the Mountain People," "Indian Picture Writing," "New Mexico Illustrated," "The 45th State," or a "Panorama," including all these subjects, to be used at the annual meeting, as a basis for a most interesting talk. Mount the smaller pictures on tinted cards, pasting or writing on the backs of the cards something interesting concerning the picture. Have these used as an item exercise, to be taken home "as souvenirs" after the meeting. For a biographical meeting try to have portraits of the characters discussed. Frame in laurel, pine, or other greenery, and place in conspicuous positions.

Keep a lookout for any object that will be illustrative. Print in large letters, missionary sayings, or mottoes, to be hung on wall or placed on easels.

3. *For the Scrap-book Editor.* (The scrap-book, if called by some other name will seem twice as interesting).—If a regular scrap-book is not attainable, make one, by cutting out a goodly number of pages from an old book, of convenient size. Paste blank pages here and there, along the margins left, for title page, index and for the writing in of programs. Renumber the pages,

and prepare a table contents, not forgetting chapters for "poetry" and "anecdotes." Clippings or pictures for illustration, should be contributed by every member of the society.

4. *For the Puzzle Department.*—Prepare something each month to be taken home and guessed. A rebus, enigma, search story, "Missions in Obscurity"—anything that will lead to study on the subject for the month. Give a copy to each member. (It is assumed that the Society owns a mimeograph).

Helps to the Memory.

1. "*Twenty Questions*" (*with a Map Talk*).—Prepare a set of questions; print in large, black letters on white bristol board, and hang on easel at one side of map. Have a blackboard on the other side. Weave answers to the questions into the map talk, asking someone to write them on the blackboard. After the talk ask the questions, calling for corrections, if the answers as read from the board are incorrect, or incomplete. In this way twenty important facts are repeated several times, and the map talk made very brisk and lively.

2. Bring out, as before, important facts in a set of questions. Allow a few moments near close of meeting for written answers, paper and pencils having been distributed. The papers are collected, and the names of those who answered correctly are read.

3. Appoint several "reporters" to take notes during the meeting. Near its close ask questions, getting answers from the reporters; if *they* fail, from the members in general.

4. A Band Leader suggests: "Provide a good-sized blank book. At the close of the meeting let the Band decide by vote who shall take it home. The member chosen writes whatever she remembers of the subject studied, either in the form of a composition, or as items. She returns the book at next meeting and reads what she has written. As no one knows who will be chosen to take the book, close attention will be paid. At a review meeting the leader takes the book and reads from it at random, the members guessing the country or people to which the item refers."

5. "Have a bulletin board with some telling items on it, in plain view during the meeting, then read them aloud together near the close. If a blackboard is lacking, a large piece of brown paper, a bottle of ink, and a paint brush will do quite as well."—*From "Young Hands on the Ropes."*

6. "*Memorandum Postal Cards.*"—Distribute them among the members of your Band before the meeting, telling them to mail them to you that evening with the best résumé of the meeting that could be crowded upon them. The cards thus returned may be corrected, and at the next meeting publicly criticised without giving the names of the writers. A Band which carries out this plan once a year and adds to its archives annually the most satisfactory card of the series, will thus register each year's high-water mark, and be pleased to see the advance."—*From "Recipes for Mission Bands and Jr. C. E. Soc."*

7. "*Postal Card Reporters.*"—Perhaps there comes a time when you would like your Band to attend a Missionary Conference somewhere near. Give each member a postal card and tell them to go to the meeting in the capacity of reporters. Let one take notes on any *statistics* mentioned; another on *manners and customs;* another on *historical information*, and another on *missionary news.* Tell them to copy out their most important notes on the postals, and mail them to you next day.—*From same source as above.*

"Once in a while have your Band make a clay map. Draw the outline on a square board and then fill it with the clay. Pinch up the mountains, and add flour if you want them snow-capped; tin foil makes beautiful lakes, and blue worsted will do for the rivers. Put a small candle at each mission station, and light them as they are pointed out."

Missionary Games.

Stage Coach.—Played as usual, the coach taking the name, however, of some missionary field or people, while the different parts are given the names of the missionaries therein.

"*An Item Match.*"—Give out the notice and the name of the

country beforehand, so the children can study for it, then conduct it as you would a spelling match. A subscription to "Over Sea and Land," or any interesting missionary book makes a good prize.

"If you want to review your Band and see how much they remember, stand them up in a line with the youngest at the head, and ask them such questions as you think they ought to know, having them pass from head to foot, as in a class."

"*Twenty Questions* is good as a Missionary game, care being taken to select some very familiar missionary object."

"Get a set of blank cards, write on one card an important event in missions, on the other, the date of its occurrence, and have the same number at the top of each pair of cards. Play by drawing from one to another, and matching the numbers, reading aloud the date and event as you throw them down; the one that matches all his cards first, wins the game." It is suggested that the members of the Band be asked to make out lists of important events and their dates—from which may be chosen a sufficient number for writing on the cards.

"Missionary Authors" and "Missionary Quotations" are also good, and especially so when the members of the Band contribute the quotations, and the names of books with their authors.

SUGGESTIONS FOR RAISING MONEY.

Depend as little as possible upon *entertainments* for raising the Lord's money.

In all reports, the most successful societies are those that pledge weekly, monthly, or quarterly free-will offerings. From efficient Band leaders and Presidents of Junior Endeavor Societies we have the following suggestions:

"Consecrate a tenth and give each penny with a prayer. The leader of one Band gives each boy a nickel the first of each year, which he tries to increase before Thanksgiving Day by invest ments of some kind. One boy one year, bought eggs and raised the chickens hatched from them, realizing $2.50 from the sale. An-

other made pop-corn, the sale of which brought him $3.70. Last year, from forty-five cents invested, twelve dollars was made."

A novel way of raising money is suggested by another society, a Y. P. S. C. E. Last year $250 was raised for Home Missions in the following way. The members were divided into "*tens*." Each "*ten*" had a Captain, who kept his "*ten*" up to time in paying its pledges, two or three cents a week, and acted as assistant to the Treasurer in planning other methods of raising money.

Encourage children to earn what they give, it will mean so much more to them. Better a small amount the fruit of real effort, than a larger sum which costs no sacrifice.

Study your Bible and see if you can find one instance of money being raised by means of entertainments. Count the number of times that free-will offerings were brought, until the people had to be "stayed from bringing."

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Progressive conversation on Home Missions.

Alaska	Miss
Mormons.	"
Freedmen.	"
Mexicans.	"
Mountain Whites .	"
Indians.	"

Numbered cards were given to the young people assigning them to the various tables, each table having a leader, as above. Each leader conducted the conversation or entertainment at her own table in her own way. All had curios and photographs, etc. In five minutes the bell rang when everybody *progressed*. It proved to be a great success.

A Doll Entertainment. Tables on which were grouped dolls of all nations.

For Summer Entertainments. Picnic meetings in the woods. Sail on the river. Gardens. Selling early vegetables.

A MISSIONARY "POW-WOW."

Indian curios were procured from the Woman's Executive Committee Rooms. Six tents made of Indian blankets (gaily-colored portieres), were arranged, one for the curiosities and the others for the various tables, ice-cream and sandwiches, candy, fancy articles and lemonade.

Anabescook and Maranocook bartered their fancy articles with the friendly whites for nickel and silver coins; Pochahontas, Pahleeoh, Minnehaha and Prairie Flower sold cake and sandwiches; old Nokomis and Bright Eyes weighed out candy; Babbling Brook and Restless River ran everywhere serving ice-cream; Winnepurkit and Weetamoo cooled, with lemonade, the parched throats of the pale faces; while under a huge bunch of bananas squatted Black Hawk, Sitting Bull (a tiny mite of four years), and Big Thunder. Other Indian squaws and papooses roamed about at their own sweet will. Metuchen (Rolling Land), the great chief of our village, took tickets at the door.

From Oakland, Cal., we have the following:

"A VISIT FROM SOME OF OUR MISSIONARIES."

"Needed, a table with flowers, pictures and pretty lamp, and a half dozen comfortable rocking and easy chairs, to make the platform and surroundings look as much like a room at home as possible. A few words from the hostess, saying we expected a visit from some of our missionaries; and then appeared with satchel, telescope, basket, hat and wrap (as though but just arrived,) five of the missionaries from the fields in which the young people in our presbytery have special objects.

Miss Florence Stephenson delighted us with an account of ——— ———, the young girl being supported by our G——— Society of First Church. Miss McOuat interested young and old in Good Will, and particularly in Miss Patterson's twenty-eight little black-eyed boys in "Small Boys' Cottage."

"What a shiver went over us as dear Mother McFarland told of her pioneer work in Alaska, of her heart-breaking experiences in attempting to rescue the young girls at Fort Wrangel. To be sure her face was wonderfully young looking for one who had been through so much!

Mrs. Jeffrey was so sorry she could not bring J. or C. with her, but nevertheless she was glad to tell us of their progress, mentally and spiritually, and with the aid of an excellent drawing of the Farm School (made by one of our young men), traced the boys all the way from the time they first heard of the school till they finally entered its open doors.

Our dear Miss Gibson, having arrived before the others, had time to don her nurse's costume (pale blue gingham), with apron and cap of snowy white. When she finished telling us of the contrast between the home of a heathen and that of a Christian Alaskan, she related one or two instances of the good already done by our Sitka Hospital. We members of the Y. P. S. C. E. felt that surely no more interesting object could have been given the C. E. Societies of California. No sooner had she finished than down the aisle walked a little mite of a colored boy who, no doubt, felt that *his* field *also* should be represented, for, without a word of preface he said:

"'I'm only a little pickaninny
From the far-off Southern land,
But *my* soul's just as precious to Jesus
As that of a little *white* lad.

"Dear friends of the great distant North land,
Over mountain, river and plain,
Oh! send us your dimes and your nickles
The lives o' my brethren to reclaim.

"For the dear precious Gospel of Jesus
Can uplift as nothing *else* can,
And make of the poor, careless Freedman,
An honest, respectable man.

"Now you who have come here to hear me,
Please open your purses *real wide*,
So that me and my brothers and sisters
May with churches and schools be supplied.'"

Collection.

Finally "try to make each meeting better than the last. Enthusiasm is contagious. Do you lack it? Get some wide-awake missionary books and begin to read." Be on the alert for bright and fresh ideas, and get the help of the band in carrying them out. If possible, and it always is possible, *do something*, for the people, the churches, and schools about which you study. You will find the interest and the *power to do*, grow amazingly. Take a scholarship or a share in one of the Mission Schools under the care of the Woman's Executive Committee; prepare Christmas boxes; look up Reading Rooms and Kindergartens and mail them supplies—in short, "be ready to do good as you have opportunity," and the opportunities will surely come. As your Band studies about a mission station, they will *want* to help—and by helping, their interest will increase so that they will want to help to their utmost—*Learning* and *doing* go hand in hand.

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